

January 19, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Opp, Fliehs, Muilenburg, Blackmun, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Glover was absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, James Stearns and representatives of the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Fliehs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Cons Fed Cr Union	2,225.00	emp savings
First State Bank	11,439.41	ss & wh
Fraternal Order of Police	100.00	dues
Groton Chamber of Commerce	5,000.00	donation refund
SD State Treasurer	8,900.43	sales tax
SD Municipal League	40.00	Leg Day Reg
AFLAC	906.52	emp ins
Arbor Day Foundation	15.00	dues
Badger Meter	215.25	water gateway rent
Banyon Data Systems	2,385.00	comp supp
Alan Bell	50.00	dep ref
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Car Quest	240.44	veh parts
Dearborne National Ins	90.50	life ins
Fire Safety First	44.60	1st aid supp
Guardian Ins	220.76	emp ins
Heartland Cons Power District	74,780.33	power
Marilyn Jondahl	50.00	dep ref
Ken's Food Fair	831.93	supp
Lawson Products	37.82	screws
Lori's Pharmacy	1.58	cards
NECOG	1,508.99	dues
NWPS	4,509.91	power delivery
Olde Bank Floral N More	35.00	plant
Jessica Osterman	50.00	dep ref
SD One Call	34.65	locates
SD Supplement Retirement	3,700.00	emp retire
Treeline Tree Service	800.00	trees removed
United Lease and Finance	15,000.00	loader payment
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	13,833.72	health ins
Wells Fargo Securities	14,385.43	07 C&G pay
Western Area Power Adm	30,520.24	power
Mike Wieseler	50.00	dep ref

A letter from Jim Stearns was read by the Council and Attorney Johnson reminded him that his time for repairs was done. Stearns requested more time to have it moved out of town, Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to allow him to present a signed contract at the February 2, 2015 meeting for removal of the structure from the lot or the City will cause it to happen. All members present voted aye. Stearns leaves the meeting.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to transfer the following budgeted cash fund balances: For 2015 loan payments: \$27,910 from General Sales Tax to West Sewer Debt Service; \$8,840 from General Sales Tax to NE Sewer Debt Service; \$30,690 from General Sales Tax to Main St Water Debt Service; \$21,160 from General Sales Tax to EPA Water Debt Service; \$17,390 from General Sales Tax to RR Crossing Sewer Debt Service; and \$14,500 from General to 4th St Reconstruction Debt Service. All members present voted aye.

Fliehs leaves the meeting at this point.

Quotations for tires for the police vehicles were discussed. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to accept low bid from M & J's for tires on both police vehicles. All members present voted aye.

Fliehs reenters the meeting.

Discussion was held on Safe Route to Schools Grant, and delinquent dog licenses.

The proposed detour for the SD DOT Hwy 37 project using N 6th St was reviewed. A letter will be sent to DOT discouraging the use of 6th street and offering Railroad Ave. as an alternative due to the narrowness of 6th St, frequent walkers, and added repairs.

An update on the pool slide was given, possible construction of picnic shelter at the pool by the FFA, and baseball concession operations were discussed.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Muilenburg to move the February 16 to February 17 at 7pm. All members present voted aye.

Council members Muilenburg, Opp, Fliehs, and Mayor Hanlon were reminded that election petitions could be taken out on Jan 30 until Feb 27 for 2 year Council terms. Muilenburg reported that she will be moving out of her district and will not be eligible.

Utility disconnections, and overtime of employees were discussed.

McGannon requested that Council meetings be held in a larger room. Council agreed to move the February 2, 2015 Council meeting to the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer